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The Honorable Edward G. Rendell
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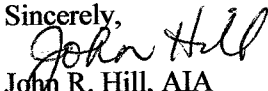Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Rendell:

The American Institute of Architects of Pennsylvania would like to express enthusiastic support for your Energy Independence Strategy for Pennsylvania. In advocating and advancing energy efficiency and conservation, you have shown outstanding leadership with your commitment to a progressive energy policy. This initiative will further the growth and development of a sustainable energy sector that is essential for energy security and independence.

The Energy Independence Strategy complements AIA Pennsylvania's objectives of green building in both the public and private sectors, and the development of sustainable communities within Pennsylvania. AIA Pennsylvania is also collaborating with AIA National to pursue these objectives through our SustAIAnability 2030 challenge. This initiative envisions a stepped up reduction in carbon emissions, starting with a 60% reduction in buildings by 2010 and reaching 100% carbon neutrality by 2030.

We endorse the goals you have set for Pennsylvania's energy policy and recognize the importance of working together towards developing alternative energy sources . The successful adoption of the Energy Independence Strategy will create a self-reliant, cleaner and economically dynamic Pennsylvania that will be home to affordable, reliable and secure sources of sustainable energy.

AIA Pennsylvania is the voice of the architectural profession in Pennsylvania. We represent, serve and communicate the needs of our 2,800 members by promoting the architectural profession while striving for the highest quality in the built environment. We look forward to working with you to continue to build a better Pennsylvania. Please do not hesitate to contact us for help or support for this initiative.

Sincerely,

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